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## **ICE ARRESTS TWO CHILD SEX PREDATORS IN BAY AREA**

*Targets include a youth soccer coach and a man who molested his teenage cousin*

SAN FRANCISCO – Two convicted child molesters from El Salvador, including an Alameda youth soccer coach, are facing removal from the United States today through the joint efforts of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Alameda County Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) Task Force. The men were arrested yesterday by officers from ICE’s fugitive operations team and the SAFE Task Force.

The arrests are part of Operation Predator, a comprehensive ICE initiative aimed at those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, Internet pornographers, and foreign national predators whose crimes make them deportable. More than 400 of the 5,000 child sex offenders arrested by ICE as part of Operation Predator nationwide have occurred in northern California.

“We will continue to work closely with our local law enforcement partners to identify, arrest, and prosecute those who prey on and exploit the children in this community,” said Nancy Alcantar, field office director for ICE detention and removal operations in San Francisco.

“SAFE is grateful for all of the support we have received in the ongoing effort to identify and locate predators who have been convicted of sexual assault crimes in this country and pose a potential threat to our citizens,” said Karen Sherwood, SAFE task force commander.

Those arrested yesterday include a Salvadoran youth soccer coach, Ricardo Francisco Campos. The 46-year-old was convicted in 1998 of molesting an eight-year-old girl who played on his team. He was also previously charged with failing to register as a sex offender. ICE has placed Campos in removal proceedings and he is being held without bond at ICE’s Service Processing Center in Eloy, Arizona.

Yesterday’s second arrest involved a Salvadoran national who was convicted of sexually assaulting his 14-year-old cousin. Juan Carlos Contreras, 30, was apprehended at the recycling plant where he worked. Contreras pleaded guilty in September 2002 to felony sexual battery in Alameda County. The charges were lodged after Contreras picked up his cousin to take her to school and drove instead to the West Oakland home of a relative, Rolando Acevedo, 23, alias Cristian Alexander Reyes. There, Contreras, Acevedo, and another unidentified man repeatedly molested the teenage girl. An arrest warrant has been issued for Acevedo in this case, but he remains at large.

Contreras was sentenced to 364 days in prison and five years probation for his role in the crime. As part of his probation, Contreras is prohibited from living or spending the night in any home where female minors are present. When officers went to Contreras' residence following his arrest yesterday, they discovered four underage girls in the home, including two daughters of relatives who were apparently unaware of Contreras' criminal history.

Contreras was booked into the Oakland City Jail for probation violations. ICE has lodged an immigration detainer on Contreras ensuring he will come into federal custody once the local case is completed.

Additional information about Operation Predator is available on the Web at [www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov). ICE encourages the reporting of suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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